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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application:

1. Application (Text) - 98 pages, including 1 page of abstract, 8 pages of claims (4 independent claims, 64 claims total); and
2. Application Drawings - 32 sheets of figures (Figures 1 to 30).

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Applicant claims the right to priority based on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/724,613, filed on November 28, 2000. This application incorporates by reference all of the disclosure of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/724,613.

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